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1. IEEE802.3ad ("Link Aggregation", IEEE802.3ad, IEEE, 2000.
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5. United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0072269, published April 17, 2003.
6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-257071, published September 25, 1998.
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8. Shigeru TERUHI, et al., "Fukusu Keiro o Mochita Tekiogata Eizo Haishin Hoshiko no Teian", 2002 Nen, March 7, 2002.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for references 5-8 which were cited in the International Search Report and we assume will be supplied directly by the International Bureau.

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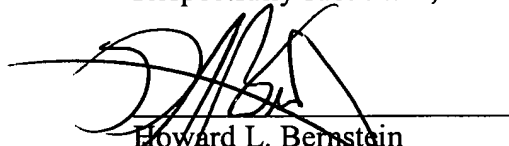
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